



Special/Study Session Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, December 16, 2019
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on December 16, 2019, in Farmington City Hall, Farmington, MI. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Sara Bowman.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sara Bowman	Mayor	Present	
William Galvin	Councilmember	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Controller Norgard
City Attorney Saarela
Director Weber

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda with addition of an item to consider an extension of contract for the interim director of the Governor Warner Mansion.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Galvin, Councilmember

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

4. PLANTE & MORAN ANNUAL CITY AUDIT PRESENTATION

Dave Helisek, Justin Kolbow, and Erin Brzezinski, representing Plante & Moran, presented the results of the City's annual financial audit. The City again earned an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance the auditors are able to give. Helisek and Brzezinski covered the highlights of the 2019 audit results and noted that they had met with City Manager Murphy, City Controller Norgard, and City Treasurer Weber to be sure that the information that was provided for the audit was indeed the information that was compiled and included in the financial statement. The City ended better than expected in several funds, with no significant changes in spending allocations. Bowman thanked Plante & Moran, along with Norgard and Weber, for their diligence and their comprehensive presentation.

5. EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR WARNER MANSION

City Manager Murphy requested the extension of Mary-Jeanne Shore's contract as Interim Director through 12/31/2020. Discussion ensued about options to consider in building a long-term plan to sustain the operation of the property.

LaRussa asked why Murphy wanted only a one year extension. Murphy plans to bring someone in to assess the Mansion's role and make recommendations about a viable plan moving forward. He stated that the one year time frame will allow him to accomplish that. Bowman said that she was comfortable with one year because it puts a timeline to the implementation of the plan.

Move to approve a contract extension with the Interim Mansion Director through December 2020.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Schneemann, Councilmember

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

8. COUNCIL COMMENT

LaRussa commended Norgard and Weber for their work on the City audit.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Schneemann, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: January 21, 2020